

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
November 19, 2015

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman at Large
 George P. Waters, District 1
 John R. Hunt, District 3
 William C. VanAntwerp, District 5
 Carroll W. Joye, District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
 Paul Werts, Program Manager
 Melody Mikell, Finance Director
 Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary
 Matthew Baker, GIS/CADD Manager
 David Smith, State Airport Planner

Visitors

Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association

Commission Member(s) Absent

Ira E. Coward, District 2
 Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4
 Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone, and *Commissioner Hunt* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of August 27, 2015, Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of October 31, 2015, for the FY 2015-2016, showing the ending cash balance of \$1,657,071. The State Aviation Fund received \$507,539.06, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund revenue to \$3,981,455.19. As of October 31, 2015, the total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$3,238,483.15 leaving \$742,972.04 available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens presented the Executive Director's Report and asked for any questions or discussions. Mr. Stephens presented the FY 2016-2017 SCAC budget request to the Executive Budget Office in November. In addition, Mr. Stephens met with the SC Aviation Association to discuss their support on the budget session requests in the House and Senate.

Airport Development

Mr. Werts gave the Commission presented the information on the grants being submitted to the Commission for approval. *Commissioner Hunt* made a *Motion* to approve the funding for the ten projects as presented and based on the SC Airport System Plan/Priority Ranking System and available state funds, *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Hilton Head Airport	Runway 3 off-airport property tree removal, parallel TWY "A" relocation, and apron replacement	\$8,674,296	\$481,905	\$481,905	\$9,638,106	1
Berkeley County Airport	Phase I - Relocate power lines on approach end of runway 5, including an environmental assessment	\$2,244,206	\$124,679	\$124,679	\$2,493,564	2
Georgetown County Airport	Expand apron and environmental assessment for future land acquisition and clearing of runway 5/23 approaches.	\$902,201	\$50,122	\$50,122	\$1,002,445	4
Oconee County Regional	Runway 7 land acquisition - 7.1 acres of Nebo Church and Carolyn Brooks	\$215,820	\$11,990	\$11,990	\$239,800	6
Aiken Municipal Airport	Apron expansion and rehabilitation	\$2,261,288	\$125,627	\$125,627	\$2,512,542	9
Cheraw Municipal Airport	Environmental assessment determination to clear off airport obstructions	\$220,724	\$12,263	\$12,262	\$245,249	11
Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport	RWY 31 approach clearing and southeastern airfield clearing including airfield grading improvements	\$525,312	\$29,184	\$29,184	\$583,680	
Hilton Head Airport	RWY 3/21 land acquisition to clear the runway object free area	\$4,358,453	\$242,137	\$242,136	\$4,842,726	13
Woodward Field	Runway safety area improvements, obstruction removal and offsite roadway enhancement	\$2,199,318	\$122,184	\$122,184	\$2,443,686	14
Union County	Runway 23 land acquisition for approach clearing	\$324,090	\$18,005	\$18,005	\$360,100	25
GRAND TOTAL		\$21,925,708	\$1,218,096	\$1,218,094	\$24,361,898	

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District Reports

Commissioner Waters – No report.

Commissioner Hunt – Announced that Jeff Garrison was chosen as the new airport manager for the Clemson Airport and will be a tremendous asset to the airport. Also, reported that the Saluda County Airport is currently seeking an FBO for the airport and is in the process of marketing the airport.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – No report.

Commissioner Joye – No report.

New/Other Business

Matthew Baker gave a presentation on the new UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) which the Aeronautics Commission is in the process of receiving approval from the FAA. As presented, the UAS will be used for airport inspections, planning, and development as well as supporting aerial reconnaissance missions as requested from other agencies.

Chairman Gantt announced that Chuck Henderson from the Florence Airport will be retiring and praised him of the great relations he has had with the Commission and aviation.

Chairman Gantt announced the next Commission meeting will be held preceding the SCAA Legislative Breakfast on January 13, 2016, at the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Executive Session

Chairman Gantt made a Motion for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss a human resources matter. *Commissioner VanAntwerp* seconded the Motion, and all approved.

Following the Executive Session, the Commission came back into open session and announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business; *Chairman Gantt* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Commissioner Joye* seconded, and all approved.




Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.
Commission Secretary




Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Recording Secretary

11/13/16

Date



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.
Commission Vice-Chairman

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